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NAIROBI FOR REDSO/EA

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. EUROPEAN EXPERT NOTES WATERWORKS
OVEREXTENDED AND NEEDS SPARE PARTS AND RECONSTRUCTION
CERTAIN ELEMENTS. REGIDESO UNABLE FUND REPAIRS OR EMCO
SPECIALIST. RECOMMENDATION: USG PROVIDE TDY EXPERT
AND FUND REPAIRS (IF MODEST) IN VIEW LEVEL OF APPROACH,
US IMAGE RWANDA FOLLOWING CHANGES IN DEPT/AID LEADERSHIP
AND USAID ORIGIN OF ORIGINAL PROJECT. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY HAS FINALLY MADE CONTACT WITH JEAN HONORE,
EUROPEAN ADVISOR REGIDESO, WHO HAS BEEN OCCUPIED DURING
LAST MONTH, WITH INSTALLATION ELECTRIC PLANT IN BUTARE.
MONORE SAYS WHAT KIGALI REALLY NEEDS IS NEW WATER PLANT
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CAPABLE OF PURIFYING 250 CUBIC METERS PER HOUR OR MORE.

PRESENT PLANT DESIGNED FOR 80 CUBIC METERS MAXIMUM
CAPACITY IS NOW OVERLOADED AND REGULARLY PRODUCING
110 CUBIC METERS.

3. REGIDESO NEEDS REPLACEMENT PARTS AND RECONSTRUCTION CERTAIN ELEMENTS PRESENT PLANT. AUTOMATIC BACKWASH AND PURGING SYSTEM BROKEN AS ARE PARTS CHEMICAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM. SECONDARY FILTERS AT BOTTOM MAIN FILTER CONES BROKEN. IN REPLACING EQUIPMENT, REGIDESO HAS TWO PROBLEMS: (A) GETTING MONEY FROM RWANDAN GOVERNMENT, AND (B) GETTING ORDERS FILLED IN US.

4. HONORE SAYS REGIDESO STAFF CAN PREPARE LIST SPARE PARTS NEEDED AND A REPORT ON SYSTEM DEFICIENCIES. HE BELIEVES US COULD BEST ASSIST BY PROVIDING REPLACEMENT PARTS. REGIDESO CONSISTENTLY OUT OF MONEY EVEN FOR NECESSITIES AND DOES NOT HAVE MEANS SUPPORT VISIT CONSULTING ENGINEER. THUS, EMBASSY HAS NOT PUSHED SUGGESTION (REFTEL D) THAT GOR HIRE EMCO SPECIALIST AT COST OF \$5800 WHICH FAR BEYOND REGIDESO MEANS. EMBASSY HAS INSTEAD BEEN SEEKING MEANS PROVIDING MODEST INPUT THAT WOULD TEMPORARILY ALLEVIATE WATER CRISIS.

5. BEFORE EMBASSY OFFICIALLY REQUESTS REGIDESO DRAW UP SPARE PARTS LIST, BELIEVE IT NECESSARY DETERMINE HOW PARTS COULD BE FUNDED. FROM PAST EXPERIENCE, IT WOULD APPEAR GOR NOT ABLE FUND ANY BUT ESSENTIAL REPLACEMENTS. GIVEN RESTRICTIONS IN SELF-HELP PROGRAM (AID M.O. 1323.1.2 IV B.4), IT APPEARS SELF-HELP FUNDS CANNOT BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE. THIS, DRAWING UP LIST LIABLE RAISE UNWARRANTED EXPECTATIONS AND BE AN EMPTY EXERCISE UNLESS FUNDING POSSIBLE FROM USG SOURCES.

6. RECOMMENDATION: AS FONMIN NSEKALIJE RAISED THIS MATTER WITH ASST. SECY. EASUM IN THEIR FIRST MEETING, I BELIEVE POSITIVE USG RESPONSE WOULD BE POLITICALLY ADEPT. FONMIN APPEARS LIKELY BE AROUND FOR A WHILE AND WE HAVE AN INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING MODEST BUT HELPFUL US IMAGE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN DEPT/AID LEADER- LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SHIP AND MY ARRIVAL HERE. WATERWORKS ALSO WELL IDENTIFIED IN RWANDAN MINDS AS US PROJECT AND CURRENT DIFFICULTIES WILL EVENTUALLY CAUSE US DISCREDIT EVEN THOUGH WE'RE NOT RESPONSIBLE. I thus URGE APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE FOR SENDING TDY EXPERT AND TO FUND AND FACILITATE PURCHASING OF SPARES INDICATED PARA 3 (PROVIDED OVERALL COST IS MODEST). WE WILL THEN REQUEST PREPARATION DETAILED SPARE PARTS LIST.

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